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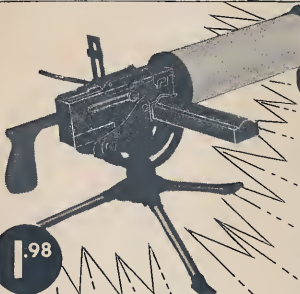
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ALL THE GIRLS I'D EVER MET CAME STRAIGHT OUT OF THE SOCIAL REGISTER--AND THERE'D NEVER BEEN ANY OTHER KIND IN MY LIFE! BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE ADVENT OF A BEAUTIFUL BOMBSHELL WHO WAS REALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD! STEP UP AND MEET A GIRL WHO'S DIFFERENT--A MAID OF MYSTERY! SHE'S NOT REALLY SPOOKY! SHE'S JUST--

# MY FIANCEE ABIGAIL!



I'M STEVEN VAN BRINK, READER--AND THIS STORY OPENS ON THE DAY WHEN THE WATER AND PATER CLOSED THEIR TOWN HOUSE, BOUND FOR A TEMPORARY NEW ENGLAND ABODE--

I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY WE MUST LEAVE NEW YORK TO SEEK OUT SUCH AN UNCIVILIZED LOCALE AS--UGH--... MASSACHUSETTS!

I KEEP TELLING YOU, OLIVIA! IT'S NECESSARY THAT I BE ON HAND WHILE THEY FINISH UP THE DAM I DESIGNED IN UPPER SNICKETY COUNTRY!



OH, NOW, COME! MANY OF THE FAMILIES THERE DATE BACK TO COLONIAL TIMES-- AND ARE AS CELEBRATED AS OUR OWN!

HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS WHAT SAVAGES WE MAY FIND OURSELVES AMONG!



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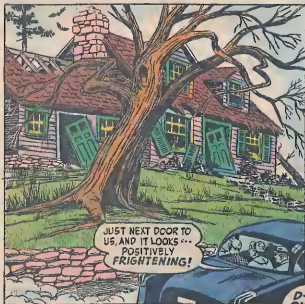
BUT POOR, DEAR STEVEN--- WHO KNOWS WHAT HE MAY RUN INTO THERE? BACK IN THE CITY, THERE WERE THE MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE AND THIS YEAR'S DEBUTANTES--- BUT MASSACHUSETTS?

PLEASE, MATER--- AS PATER SAYS, YOU'LL DOUBTLESS FIND THE LADIES OF THAT VICINITY AS REFINED AND MANNERLY AS ANY OF OUR OWN! BESIDES, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

FINALLY--- UPPER SNICKETY COUNTY---

WE'RE JUST ABOUT HERE! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT MARKER IS THE ESTATE I'VE RENTED!

WAIT! WHAT'S THAT?



JUST NEXT DOOR TO US, AND IT LOOKS --- POSITIVELY FRIGHTENING!

NEXT MOMENT---

WELL! SHE'S NOT FRIGHTENING, MATER!

INDEED! IN MY OPINION, SHE LOOKS LIKE --- LIKE A VERITABLE WITCH!



D-DRIVE ON, PLEASE! AND QUICKLY!

BUT AS I UNDRESSED THAT NIGHT, JUST ONE THOUGHT STUCK IN MY MIND ---



ULP! OH-HHH!



SHE WAS PRETTY! WONDER WHO SHE IS --- ?

I FELL ASLEEP LIKE ONE DRUGGED... BUT MY DREAMS WERE PLEASANT...



THEN IT SEEMED AS IF I AWOKE... AND THERE BEFORE ME...



UH-HUH... ME! I'M THE INFORMAL TYPE... I'VE COME TO WELCOME YOU TO UPPER SNICKETY COUNTY!



DREAM? BROTHER, CAN'T YOU FEEL THAT THIS IS DESTINY BRINGING US TOGETHER? I FELT IT THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU!

LOOK, WHATEVER IT IS, YOU'VE GOT NO BUSINESS IN MY ROOM! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY MANNERS?



BUT THEN I FELT HER SOOTHING HAND... AND THINGS STARTED GETTING MIXED UP...

NOW, NOW... YOU YOURSELF SAID IT WAS A DREAM, REMEMBER? RELAX... SLEEP...

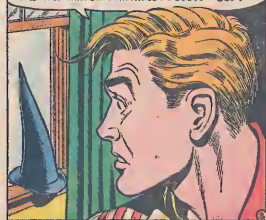


WHEN I AWOKE...

IT WAS NOTHING BUT A DREAM AFTER ALL! BUT IT SURE WAS... VIVID! IT HAD TO BE A DREAM...



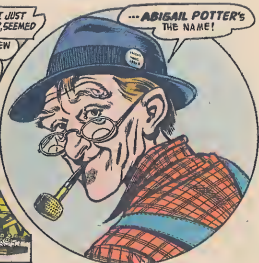
...BECAUSE NOW ELSE COULD SHE HAVE GOTTEN WAY UP TO THIS WINDOW OTHERWISE? I GUESS... ULP!



THERE WASN'T ANY HOPE OF GETTING HER OUT OF MY MIND NOW! I JUST HAD TO FIND OUT WHO SHE WAS---AND OLD JONES, THE GARDENER, SEEMED A LIKELY PROSPECT---

LOVELY COUNTRY, THIS! TELL ME---ER  
---DOES ANYTHING FUNNY EVER  
HAPPEN AROUND HERE F THE PEOPLE  
---I MEAN---OH, WELL---THINGS  
AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM  
--- THAT IS ---

I'M A DIRECT MAN O' FEW  
WORDS, MISTER--- I'LL  
COME RIGHT TO THE  
POINT! THE GAL YER  
ASKIN' ABOUT---



--- ABIGAIL POTTER'S  
THE NAME!

**ABIGAIL POTTER!** NOW  
COULD I FIND OUT ABOUT HER? A  
SUDDEN THOUGHT STRUCK ME, AND...

I KNEW I'D FIND SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS ON THE BOOKSHELVES  
--- "GENEALOGY OF UPPER  
SNICKEY COUNTY"! ALL  
THE FAMILIES IN THIS REGION ARE  
--- OLD--- MAYBE I'LL  
FIND HERS MENTION-  
ED HERE!



I TURNED TO THE PROPER ALPHABETICAL  
SECTION--- AND THE BOOK FELL OPEN TO---



HOLY---H.  
---SMOKE!

ABIGAIL POTTER  
TAKEN FROM A 16TH PORTRAIT  
POTTER. AN EARLY SETTLER  
OF THIS REGION, WAS ARRESTED FOR  
WITCHCRAFT DURING THE ANTHONY  
REST-EMBARRASSINGLY, THE AUTHOR  
TIES WERE UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING  
ABOUT HER, SINCE SHE HAD AN UN-  
COMFORTABLE HABIT OF VANISHING  
WHenever THEY TRIED TO  
EXECUTE HER.

IT---IT SAYS THAT THERE'S A  
RECORD OF AN ABIGAIL POTTER  
IN 1787, TOO--- AND 1864--- AND THE  
PRESENT ONE IN 1956--- ALL  
LOOKING IDENTICAL WITH THIS  
PICTURE! THE QUESTION IS, ARE  
THEY DIFFERENT WOMEN--- OR  
ALL THE SAME ONE?



IS ANYTHING  
WRONG, MR.  
STEVEN?

OH, NO! JUST---  
JUST MAKE SURE  
THAT ALL THE DOORS  
ARE CAREFULLY  
LOCKED TONIGHT!



BUT GOOD  
SENSE CAME  
TO MY AID ---  
AFTER ALL, THIS  
WAS 1956, AND  
NOBODY BELIEVED  
IN OLD WIVES TALES!  
RESOLUTELY, I  
PROCEEDED TO  
PUT ABIGAIL OUT  
OF MY MIND AND  
I SUCCEEDED---  
UNTIL, DRIVING  
MY MOTHER BACK  
FROM TOWN, THE  
MOTOR SLODDENLY  
FAILED HEAR  
HER PLACE---

ARE YOU SURE  
IT WON'T START,  
STEVEN?

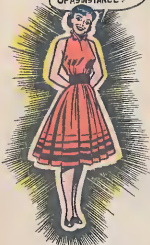
PLEASE, MATE--- I'VE DONE  
EVERYTHING IN THE BOOK! IT  
WOULD TAKE AN ACT OF  
MAGIC TO START IT!





SUDDENLY, A VOICE LIKE A TINNING BELL-- A VOICE I KNEW I'D HEARD BEFORE--

PERHAPS I COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE?



YOU--- WHERE--- I MEAN, TH-- THAT THING---

OH, YOU MEAN THIS OLD THING?



IT'S MY ONLY CONCESSION TO STYLE-- BUT IT IS GETTING RATHER OLD, I'M AFRAID!



BUT HOW LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR CAR, RIGHT?

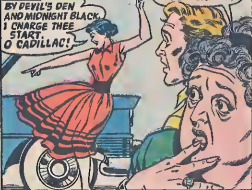
NOTHING YOU CAN HELP! IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW, IT'S MOTORS-- AND IF THIS ONE WON'T START FOR ME, IT WON'T START FOR YOU!



ONCE AGAIN, THAT ANGELIC SMILE! THEN, SOLEMNLY, SHE DANCED ABOUT THE STALLED CAR-- AND FROM HER LIPS CAME A WEIRD SONG--

BY DEVIL'S DEN AND MIDNIGHT BLACK, I CHARGE THEE START O CADILLAC!

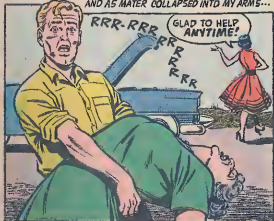
SHE'S-- CRAZY!



A DEEP, REGULAR HUM-- IT WAS THE MOTOR, STARTING! AND AS MATER COLLAPSED INTO MY ARMS--

RRR-RRR-RRR  
RRR-RRR-RRR  
RRR-RRR-RRR

GLAD TO HELP ANYTIME!



THE FOLLOWING WEEK, AS I WALKED ALONG THE CLIFFS WITH MY DOG-- STILL DAZED, STILL ATTEMPTING TO BE LOGICAL--

THIS IS ALL NONSENSE-- THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A WITCH! AFTER ALL, WHAT REAL EVIDENCE IS THERE AGAINST HER?







LET ME MARSHAL THE **FACTS!** ONE, A **DREAM** SUCH AS ANYONE COULD HAVE! TWO, A **CONE-SHAPED** HAT THAT WAS DOUBTLESS BLOWN BY THE WIND AND JUST **HAPPENED** TO LAND ON MY WINDOW-SILL! THREE, THE **EPISODE** OF MY **CADILLAC**---

AH, YES--- THE **EPISODE** OF YOUR **CADILLAC!**



HOW DO YOU **EXPLAIN THAT?**

LOOK, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STOP GIVING ME **FITS** WITH THAT **SUDDEN** **APPEARANCE** **GAG** OF YOURS! YOU JUST **HAPPENED** TO BE THERE WHEN I CAME WALKING ALONG ---AND YOU JUST **HAPPENED** TO **HEAR** ME---

AT THAT MOMENT, THE **PUPPY**, WHO'D BEEN **FRISKING** ALONG TOO CLOSE TO THE **EDGE**---



...SO YOU **CAN'T** HAVE ANY **SPECIAL** **POWERS**---YOU **COULDN'T** BE A **WITCH!**

OF **COURSE**--- **HOW** **LOGICALLY** YOU **ARGUE!**



**YIPE!**



NE---HE'S **FALLEN** INTO THE **SEA**---AND HE'S A **GONER** IN THE **TIDES** **DOWN** THERE! I **COULD** **NEVER** **REACH** HIM IN **TIME!**

I'M **INCLINED** TO **AGREE** WITH YOU! AND **SO**---



...WE'D **BEST** **BRING** HIM UP **HERE!**

**OH, N-O!** THIS MUST **B-E** ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE **D-DREAMS!**



AS YOU WERE SAYING, I **COULDN'T** HAVE ANY **SPECIAL** **POWERS**--- **COULD** I?

MY **LOGIC** **TELS** ME YOU **COULDN'T!** BUT THERE'S ONE **POWER** YOU **HAVE** **GOT**---AN **ALLURE** I **CAN'T** **DENY**---

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# Which of these Prizes Can We Send You?



Boy's and Girl's  
Wrist Watch  
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Archery Set\*  
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**NO COST**

## MANY OTHER NO COST PRIZES



\*Check local laws before ordering this prize

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### SEND NO MONEY—WE TRUST YOU

Paste coupon on postcard or mail in envelope. Send no money. Your colorful cards and free prize book will be mailed to you at once. American Specialty Company, Dept. 10, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Our 38th Year.

### CUT OUT AND MAIL NOW

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Dept. 10, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_





BUT OTHER EYES WERE INTRUDING ON THIS ROMANTIC SCENE...

GOOD... HEAVENS!



NEXT DAY... IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UPPER SNICKETY COUNTY...

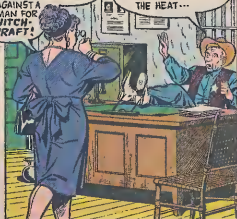


PARKER! WHAT'S HAPPENED?

THE MODDOM WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE SEEN SOMETHING, SIR!

SHERIFF, I DESIRE TO ENTER A COMPLAINT AGAINST A WOMAN FOR WITCH-CRAFT!

NOW, NOW, MA'AM, RELAX! YOU'RE JUST EXCITED--PROBABLY THE HEAT...



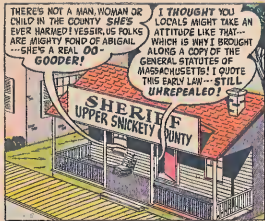
STOP IT! YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHOM I'M TALKING ABOUT--DON'T YOU?

ABIGAIL POTTER?



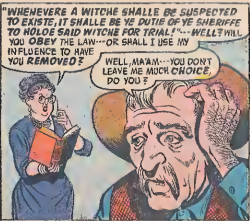
THERE, I KNEW YOU'D KNOW--EVERYBODY AROUND THESE PARTS MUST KNOW ABOUT HER, I'M BETTING! AND NOW I DEMAND THAT YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER!

BUT MA'AM, ABIGAIL'S A GOOD KID! MEBBE SHE'S A MITE PECULIAR IN SOME WAYS--MEBBE SHE'S GOT SOME PURTY STRANGE TRICKS--BUT SHE NEVER USES 'EM EXCEPT FOR GODD!



THERE'S NOT A MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD IN THE COUNTY SHE'S EVER HARMED! YESSIR, US FOLKS ARE MIGHTY FOND OF ABIGAIL... SHE'S A REAL DO-GOODER!

I THOUGHT YOU LOCALS MIGHT TAKE AN ATTITUDE LIKE THAT-- WHICH IS WHY I BROUGHT ALONG A COPY OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF MASSACHUSETTS! I QUOTE THIS EARLY LAW-- 'STILL UNREPEALED!'



"WHENEVER A WITCHE SHALL BE SUSPECTED TO EXISTE, IT SHALL BE YE DUTIE OF YE SHERIFFE TO HOLDE SAID WITCHE FOR TRIAL!... WELLL! WILL YOU OBEY THE LAW... OR SHALL I USE MY INFLUENCE TO HAVE YOU REMOVED?"

WELL, MA'AM-- YOU DONT LEAVE ME MUCH CHOICE, DO YOU?

MATER WAS INDEED TRIUMPHANT OVER HER VICTORY... SHE INSISTED THAT PATER AND I WITNESS ITS CULMINATION--

YOU'LL SEE! WHEN THERE'S ACTION TO BE TAKEN-- I TAKE IT!

IF--IF I'D KNOWN WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND, I'D NEVER HAVE LET YOU GO THROUGH WITH IT!

THE SHERIFF SHOULD BE BRINGING HER ANY MINUTE-- SAY, WHAT'S THAT NOISE?



"THAT NOISE" WAS THE PROCESSION WHICH ACCOMPANIED ABIGAIL TO THE LOCKUP! THE WHOLE COUNTY HAD TURNED OUT TO DO HER HONOR!



ABIGAIL

JUNIOR ABIGAIL LEGION

WE'RE WITH YOU, ABBIE!

WOMEN UNITED FOR ABIGAIL

ABIGAIL OUR PET FLAME

HURRAH FOR ABIGAIL POTTER!

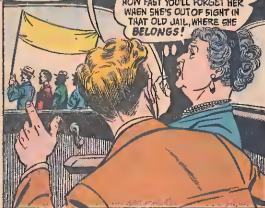
STRIKE UP THE BAND FOR ABIGAIL

YOU'RE THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO US!



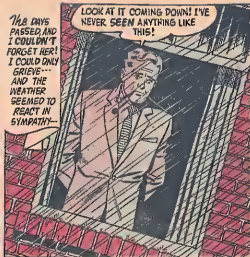
YOU SEE? **EVERYBODY** LOVES HER! YOU CAN'T PRESS THIS COMPLAINT AGAINST HER!

MOTHER KNOWS BEST! I'M GOING TO CURE YOU OF THIS RIDICULOUS INFATUATION ONCE AND FOR ALL! YOU JUST WATCH HOW FAST YOU'LL FORGET HER WHEN SHE'S OUT OF SIGHT IN THAT OLD JAIL, WHERE SHE BELONGS!

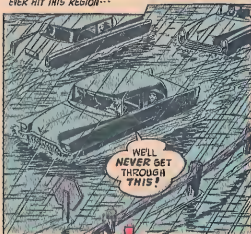


THE DAYS PASSED, AND I COULDN'T FORGET HER! I COULD ONLY GRIEVE... AND THE WEATHER SEEMED TO REACT IN SYMPATHY!

LOOK AT IT COMING DOWN! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!



DAY AFTER DAY... THE WORST CLOUDBURSTS THAT HAD EVER HIT THIS REGION...

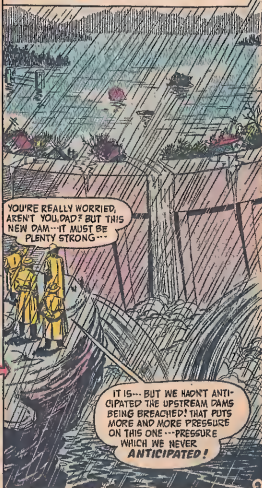


WE'LL NEVER GET THROUGH THIS!

THERE WAS NO RELIEF FROM THE RELENTLESS DOWNPOUR! HOUSES WERE INUNDATED... BRIDGES SWIFT AWAY... WHILE UPSTREAM, SOME OF THE SMALLER DAMS GAVE WAY...



THE LARGE NEW DAM MY FATHER HAD DESIGNED WAS NEWLY IN USE... AND NOW HE KNEW ANXIOUS MOMENTS...



YOU'RE REALLY WORRIED, AREN'T YOU, DAD? BUT THIS NEW DAM--IT MUST BE PLENTY STRONG...

IT IS... BUT WE HADN'T ANTICIPATED THE UPSTREAM DAMS BEING BREACHED! THAT PUTS MORE AND MORE PRESSURE ON THIS ONE... PRESSURE WHICH WE NEVER ANTICIPATED!

THAT NIGHT, WE HEARD THE WORST...

I KNOW THAT LOOK! IT MEANS... **BAD NEWS!**

A HUGE WRECKAGE JAM IS SWEEPING DOWNSTREAM! WHEN IT HITS MY DAM-- **CURTAINS!**

AND--AND IF THE DAM GOES, HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE VALLEY WILL DROWN BEFORE THEY CAN GET OUT!

CAN'T WE DO THINGS... PILE **SANDBAGS...** ANYTHING?

NOTHING CAN BE DONE... IT'S BEYOND HUMAN POWER! WE'D BETTER GET OUT... **FAST!**

THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE HELPED US... BUT YOU HAD HER IMPRISONED! AND NOW THERE'S NO WAY OF GETTING TO HER... THE ROADS ARE WASHED AWAY AND EVEN THE PHONES ARE OUT!

IT'S MY FAULT... I SHOULD HAVE FOUGHT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE, NEVER LET IT HAPPEN! ABIGAIL... SO KIND AND WONDERFUL... AND I LOVE HER...

THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!

ABIGAIL! IF EVER A PERSON WAS NEEDED... IT'S YOU!

JUST ONE SECOND WHILE I DRY THIS CONTRAPTION OFF... IT RUSTS SO EASILY! --NOW WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED?

QUICKLY, I GAVE HER THE DESPERATE FACTS...

...AND IF EVER A SITUATION NEEDED SUPERNATURAL POWERS, IT'S THIS ONE!

I'M AFRAID I'VE GOT TO CONFESS... I HAVEN'T REALLY GOT ANY SUPERNATURAL POWERS! THERE'S **NO SUCH THING!**

**NO... SUPERNATURAL POWERS?**

IT'S JUST THAT I SEEM TO KNOW HOW TO WORK WITH **NATURAL FORCES!** ER... WE CAN LEAVE FOR THE DAM NOW, IF YOU'D LIKE!



OUT INTO THE RAGING STORM WE STAGGERED! AND WHEN ABIGAIL REACHED THE CENTER OF THE IMPERILED DAM, SHE PAUSED, WHISTLED GIRLILY...



AT FIRST IT WAS JUST A LITTLE SCUTTling, SCARCE HEARD ABOVE THE SOUND OF THE WIND AND RAIN! BUT GRADUALLY, IT SWELLED TO A ROAR--THE ROAR OF THOUSANDS OF LITTLE FEET--



WHAT THE...BEAVER? THOUSANDS OF THEM!

PARDON ME WHILE I BRIEF THEM ON THE SITUATION!



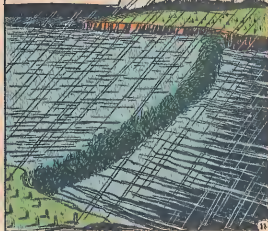
FROM THE BUSINESSLIKE WAY IN WHICH THE ANIMALS RUSHED OFF, YOU'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT ABIGAIL HAD GIVEN THEM ASSIGNMENTS! AND FROM WHAT HAPPENED THEN-- YOU'D HAVE KNOWN IT!



TREE AFTER TREE YIELDED TO THEIR GNAWING TEETH, CRASHED DOWNWARD--



AND GRADUALLY--A NEW DAM AROSE, PRODUCT OF THE BEAVER--AND ABIGAIL!



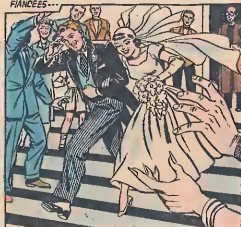


HURRAH! THE PRESSURE'S OFF NOW---THE DAM'S SAVED!

YOU'RE NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL---YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

FATHER! THAT'S MY FIANCEE!

WELL---THE VAN BRINK MEN ALWAYS DID MARRY THEIR FIANCEES---



IT---IT'S A WONDER MY OWN SON WOULDN'T EVEN TELL ME WHERE HE'S GOING ON HIS HONEYMOON!

THERE, THERE, DON'T BLAME THE BOY! IT'S BECAUSE ABIGAIL IS TAKING CHARGE OF THAT END OF IT, AND SHE WON'T EVEN TELL HIM! SHE'S SAVING IT FOR A SURPRISE!



OH, WELL--- I ALWAYS KNEW THAT GIRL DIDN'T HAVE ANY POWERS! JUST A LOT OF TALK, THAT WAS ALL!



YES, MAYBE IT'S TRUE THAT MY FIANCEE ABIGAIL DIDN'T HAVE ANY POWERS! ONLY--- YOU CAN'T BLAME ME FOR WONDERING SOMETIMES! YES---IT WAS QUITE A HONEYMOON!



# OUT of the UNKNOWN!

NO. 4...  
MIGHTY APE



REMEMBER KING KONG? PEOPLE THRILLED TO HIM... BUT THEY LAUGHED, TOO... FOR WASN'T HE JUST A STORY?



THAT'S WHY THIS EXPEDITION, YEARS LATER, CAUSED PERISH...  
I DON'T BLAME PEOPLE FOR LAUGHING AT US! IT'S RIDICULOUS, INVESTIGATING THIS STORY OF A GIANT APE WHICH INHABITED THIS REGION IN PREHISTORIC TIMES!

WHY COMPLAIN IT MAY BE CRAZY, BUT WE'RE GETTING PAID TO LOOK INTO IT!



THEY WERE AMAZED TO FIND A NATIVE TRIBE, DEEP IN THE INTERIOR, THAT WORSHIPPED A STRANGE IDOL...

IT--IT'S THE IMAGE OF A GIGANTIC APE... AND INCREDIBLY OLD!

YES, BUT SINCE WHEN DO SCIENTISTS ACCEPT NATIVE IMAGES AS EVIDENCE OF THE FACT THAT THE IDOL ONCE ACTUALLY EXISTED?



IT WAS THEN THAT THE MEDICINE MAN PRODUCED THE TRIBE'S MOST TREASURED RELIC...

SO WHAT? EVEN IF THAT BONE IS REAL, IT COULD HAVE COME FROM SOME GIGANTIC MAMMOTH, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

I WONDER! LET'S CALL DR. SAVAGE, OUR EXPEDITION GEOLOGIST... HE'S AN EXPERT ON ANIMAL BONES!



THE EXPERT GAVE HIS DIAGNOSIS...

THIS IS... UNBELIEVABLE! IT'S THE LEG BONE OF SOME GIGANTIC ANTHROPOID APE THAT EXISTED AEONS AGO... A CREATURE THAT MUST HAVE STOOD AT LEAST FIFTY FEET HIGH!



WAS THERE ONCE SUCH A THING?



WHAT DO YOU THINK, READER?

THE END!



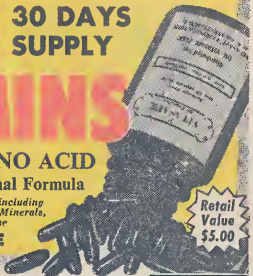
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# ROPE

IT isn't only in Kentucky that family feuds are known to take place. Here's the story of one which took place in far-off India. Little Ratijore was the last surviving member of his family, while huge, burly Pundara was the last of his. For generations, the two families had warred, and Ratijore was sick of it. Nobody even remembered the original cause of the feud, and all it had ever brought was misery and death. And so young, puny Ratijore determined to seek out Pundara and talk peace. It was an ill-advised mission, because it almost cost him his life. He barely managed to escape from his brawny foe, who swore he would enhance the family honor by slaying him the first time he could catch up with him.

Their city was a comparatively small one, and Ratijore knew that it would only be a matter of time before Pundara made good his threat. He was too small and weak to meet such a formidable adversary, and deciding that discretion was definitely the better part of valor, Ratijore left town in a hurry. He didn't return for many years. During that time, it was necessary to make a living, and he did so by apprenticing himself to a Hindu fakir, or master magician. He learned all the tricks of the trade, even the rare and difficult one in which the fakir causes a rope to stand rigidly, then climbs the rope, disappearing into thin air at the top. The rope, of course, always remains rigid until the magician reappears and clambers down it to the ground, to receive the plaudits of the amazed audience. Ratijore became one of the most famous fakirs in all India, and traveled everywhere to display his great skill. In the course of his travels, it was inevitable that he return to the city of his birth, for the people who had known him were clamoring to see the great man. At first he had trepidations, remembering Pundara and his threat, but common sense lulled his fears. After all, so many years had passed — the feud must have been forgotten by now! But this was not the case.

Ratijore learned of his danger the

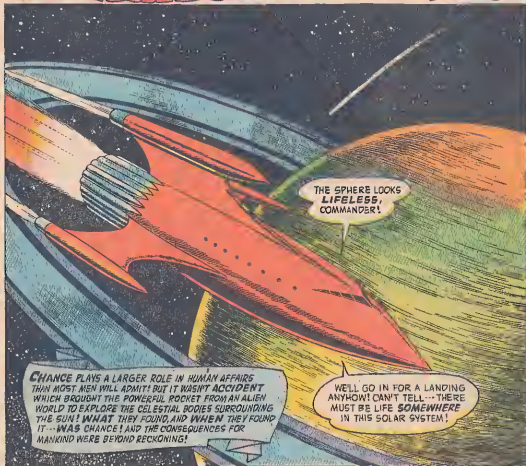
very day he returned to his home town. He was in the public square, putting on a demonstration of his magic for a cheering circle of people, and had just grasped his rope, ready to perform his specialty, when a young boy burst excitedly through the ring of spectators. "Run, Ratijore!" he panted. "Pundara has found out you're here — and he's on his way, armed with his father's sword! He — he says he's going to finish the feud, and he'll be here any moment! You'd better — there he comes now!"

With a roar, big Pundara swung down on him brandishing his sword. There was no time for parley or conciliation — now Ratijore knew that his enemy would never rest until he had paid with his life. There was only one thing to do, and that was run. Grabbing his rope, he sprinted, his pursuer hot on his heels. Frantically, Ratijore dodged through alleys, but he couldn't shake him off. Pundara was gaining — it was only a matter of time! Triumph on his face, the big man swung around a corner into a small square, knowing that it was here that he'd corner his adversary. He stopped suddenly, wondering, for the square was empty. But there, in the middle of it, he saw the fakir's rope standing rigidly erect. And Ratijore was nowhere in sight! But Pundara wasn't being fooled. He knew this old trick — his enemy must have climbed the rope, disappearing into some strange, invisible land at the top. Well, he wasn't escaping — if he could go there, Pundara could pursue! And so up the rope swarmed Pundara — up, up to the top — and nothingness!

Now there was only the rope, standing rigidly erect. Wait — what was that movement? It was Ratijore, detaching himself from the shadow of a house. He crept towards the rope, looking wide-eyed up its length. Slowly, he waved both hands while strange, guttural words came from his lips. And suddenly the rope fell to the ground. Stooping, the fakir retrieved it, wound it about his arm and walked slowly away, a strange smile playing about his lips.

The feud was ended.

# The AMBASSADORS!

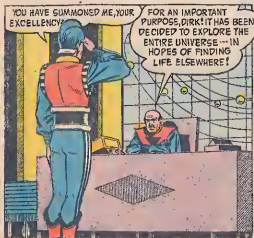


THE SPHERE LOOKS LIFELESS, COMMANDER!

CHANCE PLAYS A LARGER ROLE IN HUMAN AFFAIRS THAN MOST MEN WILL ADMIT! BUT IT WASN'T ACCIDENT WHICH BROUGHT THE POWERFUL ROCKET FROM AN ALIEN WORLD TO EXPLORE THE CELESTIAL BODIES SURROUNDING THE SUN! WHAT THEY FOUND, AND WHEN THEY FOUND IT -- WAS CHANCE! AND THE CONSEQUENCES FOR MANKIND WERE BEYOND RECKONING!

WE'LL GO IN FOR A LANDING ANYHOW! CAN'T TELL... THERE MUST BE LIFE **SOMEWHERE** IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM!

IN THE DECISION CHAMBER OF THE HEADMAN OF PLANET 12...



YOU HAVE SUMMONED ME, YOUR EXCELLENCY

FOR AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE, DIRK! IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO EXPLORE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE... IN HOPES OF FINDING LIFE ELSEWHERE!



YOU WILL EXPLORE QUADRANT K OF GALAXY 3! YOUR TASK IS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH WHATEVER THINKING CREATURES MAY EXIST! SHOULD THERE BE CIVILIZATIONS INFERIOR TO OURS, WE ARE PREPARED TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE! IF THERE ARE SUPERIOR CULTURES, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO LEARN FROM THEM!



IN THE UTOPIA WHICH EXISTED ON PLANET 12, MEN HAD LEARNED TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND HARMONY...

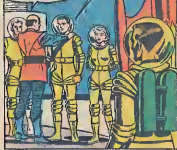
REMEMBER, DIRK--- WE WISH TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH OTHER CELESTIAL ORBS! THEREFORE, USE NO VIOLENCE... UNLESS YOU ARE ATTACKED!



A CREW OF THREE WAS PUT AT THE YOUNG OFFICER'S DISPOSAL, AND TAKE-OFF DAY SOON CAME...

YOU ALL BEAR A GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY--- FOR YOU ARE OUR AMBASSADORS! GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

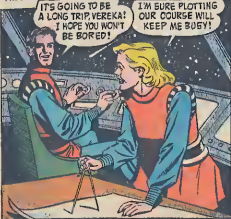
WE WILL DO OUR BEST!



ONCE THE INITIAL EXCITEMENT OF THE LAUNCHING WAS PAST...

IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TRIP, YEREKA! I HOPE YOU WON'T BE BORED!

I'M SURE PLOTTING OUR COURSE WILL KEEP ME BUSY!



AS THE MONTHS PASSED...

NOTHING BUT DEAD STARS AND INERT ASTEROIDS! STILL THE SAME ORDERS, COMMANDER?

DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'LL FIND ANYTHING?

WHO KNOWS? BUT IT IS OUR DUTY TO MAKE SUCH EXPLORATIONS! AFTER ALL, THERE MAY BE PEOPLE LIKE OURSELVES IN THE UNIVERSE WHO WE CAN HELP!

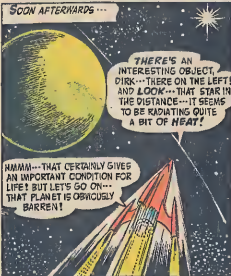


YES--- KEEP ON! THERE'S PLENTY WE HAVEN'T SEEN YET IN QUADRANT K!

SOON AFTERWARDS...

THERE'S AN INTERESTING OBJECT, DIRK--- THERE ON THE LEFT! AND LOOK--- THAT STAR IN THE DISTANCE--- IT SEEMS TO BE RADIATING QUITE A BIT OF HEAT!

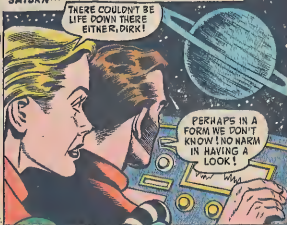
HMMM--- THAT CERTAINLY GIVES AN IMPORTANT CONDITION FOR LIFE! BUT LET'S GO ON--- THAT PLANET IS OBVIOUSLY BARREN!



THEY HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING, BUT THEY HAD JUST PASSED PLUTO, THE FURTHEST PLANET OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM--- AND THEIR PATH WAS TAKING THEM TOWARD THE EARTH! NEPTUNE AND URANUS CAME AND WENT--- AND THEN--- SATURN---

THERE COULDN'T BE LIFE DOWN THERE EITHER, DIRK!

PERHAPS IN A FORM WE DON'T KNOW! NO HARM IN HAVING A LOOK!



BECAUSE OF THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS ON SATURN...BITTER COLD AND GREAT GRAVITATIONAL FORCE...EXTENSIVE SURVEYING ON FOOT WAS IMPOSSIBLE...

WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH...THERE'S NOTHING ALIVE HERE!

BRRR, LET'S GET BACK INTO THAT NICE WARM CABIN!



JUPITER AND MARS SPOKE BY...



SAY, DOESN'T THAT LOOK LIKE SPARSE VEGETATION DOWN THERE?

RIGHT-- IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE CLOSER WE GET TO THE SOURCE OF LIGHT AND HEAT WE OBSERVED, THE BETTER THE CHANCES FOR LIFE! LET'S GO ON... I'VE GOT A HUNCH WE MAY FIND SOMETHING YET!



NOW A MOOD OF INTENSE EXCITEMENT GRIPPED THE AMBASSADORS! AND SOON...

LOOK! HUGE SPLASHES OF GREEN!

PREPARE FOR LANDING...THIS MAY BE IT!



AS THE CRAFT NOSED DOWN, LEVELED OUT... AND SEARCHED FOR A CLEARING...

JUST LOOK AT THAT VEGETATION! WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LIKE IT ON PLANET 12!



THERE MUST BE ANIMAL LIFE DOWN THERE! PERHAPS EVEN... BEINGS LIKE US!

THERE WAS A MOMENTARY SENSE OF AWE AS THEY FIRST STEPPED INTO THE BENIGN ATMOSPHERE--



IT--IT'S WARM...AND THE AIR IS PURE! WE DON'T NEED OUR OXYGEN HELMETS! COME ON, LET'S INVESTIGATE!

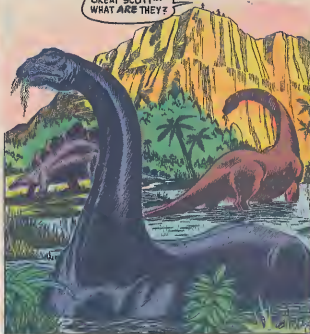
OH, OIRK... THIS IS ALL SO THRILLING!

GREAT SCOTT... WHAT ARE THEY?

THE FANTASTIC GROWTHS ALL ABOUT CAUSED STUNNED DISBELIEF! THEN--FROM THE EDGE OF A CLIFF--

COME QUICKLY! IT... IT'S UNBELIEVABLE!

WHAT IS IT? WHAT DO YOU SEE?



IT WAS VEREKA WHO TURNED AT THE LOW SNARL FROM THE THicket BEHIND THEM--IT WAS SHE WHO GAVE THE WARNING--



THE PARALYZING RAY HAD DONE ITS WORK INSTANTLY--

THE EFFECT WILL WEAR OFF IN A FEW MINUTES--WE'D BETTER PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US AND IT!

WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS NOW! THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT SORT OF DANGERS WE MAY HAVE TO FACE!



HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE UNEXPECTED SAFETY OF AN OVERHANGING LEDGE, ESCAPE WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE--

FURTHER ON ANOTHER DISASTER ALMOST OVERTOOK THEM--



HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR MISSION? THERE MAY BE HUMANS ON THIS PLANET! WE'RE GOING ON!



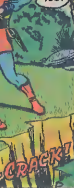
DIRK'S HAND MOVED WITH LIGHTNING SPEED! AN ELECTRICAL CRACKLE SPLIT THE AIR--



IN THE STRANGE CLIME IN WHICH THEY FOUND THEMSELVES, IT WAS NOT ONLY WILD BEASTS WHICH LODGED AS MENACES! THEY HAD NOT GONE FAR WHEN--



CRACK!





GRIMLY AND CAUTIOUSLY, THEY MOVED FORWARD...

BUT WHAT IF THERE ARE MEN? THEY MAY NOT BE FRIENDLY!

THEN WE MUST MAKE THEM FRIENDS! NO MATTER HOW PRIMITIVE THEIR CIVILIZATION, THINK OF HOW WE CAN HELP THEM... WITH THE KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE ACQUIRED!



AS A CREW MEMBER DREW HIS GUN TO GIVE AID...

NO! THEY'RE DOING ALL RIGHT WITHOUT US! LET'S OBSERVE THEM... AND LEARN WHAT WE CAN!



AS THEY APPROACHED THE TOP OF THE HILL, THEY HEARD LOUD SHOUTS AND GRUNTS! HURRYING TO THE TOP, THEY WITNESSED A THRILLING SPECTACLE...

MEN! FIGHTING A BEAST LIKE THAT WITH... CLUBS!



GRUMME!

TCHOKKI! ROWFF!

THEY WATCHED THE SPECTACLE TO ITS GRIM CONCLUSION...

THEY... THEY'RE EATING THAT BEAST... ON THE SPOT!

AMAZING! THOSE HUMANOID CREATURES HAVEN'T EVEN LEARNED THE SECRET OF FIRE!... COME, LET US REVEAL OURSELVES!

ALERTLY THE SPACE-PEOPLE STEPPED FORWARD...

DO-NOT--BE--AFRAID! WE--ARE--FRIENDS!

THEY'VE SEEN US!



DON'T BE AFRAID! WE'RE NOT GOING TO HARM YOU!

THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO CHARGE, DIRK!



WITH A SUDDEN HEADLONG RUSH...

TELLO! I'VE GOT TO PARALYZE THEM! CRACKLE!



INSTANTLY THE ATTACKERS WERE FROZEN MOTIONLESS! DESPONDENTLY, DIRK OBSERVED...

LOOK AT THEIR LOW FOREHEADS AND BRUTISH APPEARANCE! IT'S APPALLING!

LET'S GO, DIRK! WHEN THE RAY WEARS OFF, I WANT TO BE BACK IN THE ROCKET!



WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE  
AMBASSADORS WERE MOST  
HAPPY TO LEAVE THE HOSTILE  
PLANET...

WHAT NOW,  
COMMANDER?

WE'LL EXPLORE THE REST  
OF THIS SOLAR SYSTEM...  
THEN HEAD HOME!

VENUS  
AND MERCURY  
PROVED MUCH TOO  
HOT FOR LIFE... AND AS  
THEY APPROACHED THE SUN  
ITSELF...

TOO DANGEROUS TO GO  
ANY CLOSER! VEREKA, PLOT US  
OUR HOMEWARD COURSE! OUR  
MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED!

ALMOST A YEAR PASSED BEFORE THEY LANDED ON PLANET 12  
AGAIN, AND WHEN THEY GAVE THEIR COMPLETE REPORT...

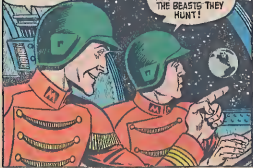
VERY DISAPPOINTING! I'LL ORDER OUR CRAFT IN FUTURE  
YEARS TO STAY AWAY FROM THAT AREA! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS...  
... BESIDES, CONTACT WITH THE HUMANOID CREATURES YOU  
DESCRIBE COULD ONLY CONTAMINATE SUPERIOR  
INDIVIDUALS LIKE US!



AND SO IT WAS THAT WHENEVER A ROCKET FROM PLANET 12  
HAPPENED TO PASS THE EARTH IN FUTURE CENTURIES...

OUR HISTORY BOOKS SAY THERE  
ARE CREATURES LIKE MEN  
DOWN THERE! WHAT SAY WE  
HAVE A LOOK?

IT'S AGAINST ORDERS!  
BESIDES, THE HUMANOIDS  
AREN'T MUCH MORE  
INTELLIGENT THAN  
THE BEASTS THEY  
HUNT!



YES, IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT IN THE  
THOUSANDS OF YEARS WHICH FOLLOWED,  
ROCKETS FROM PLANET 12 AVOIDED THE  
EARTH AS A MARINER WOULD A BARE  
ROCK IN MID-OCEAN! FOR HAD A VISITOR  
SET HIS CRAFT DOWN IN ENSUING  
MILLENNIUMS, HE MIGHT HAVE SEEN A  
DIFFERENT SORT OF  
CIVILIZATION...



'T WILL BE A FINE  
STATUE, PRAXITELES! ALL  
ATHENS WILL PRAISE  
YOU!

HOW UNFORTUNATE FOR PLANET EARTH THAT THE FIRST  
VISITORS FROM SPACE SHOULD HAVE LANDED 175,000  
YEARS AGO, AND THAT THE FIRST HUMANOID  
CREATURES THEY ENCOUNTERED WERE...  
NEANDERTHAL MEN!



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From

# YOUR EDITOR To YOU

To all "Adventures Into The Unknown" fans: This is your Editor, being lonesome, because it's been a long time since he was able to sit down with you and really talk things over. But it seems that you want to know what your

fellow-readers are thinking and saying, so — it's all yours! Just remember to send in your letter too, however — to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, N.Y. Okay — let's go!

"Dear Editor:-

For the past few months now, I've taken a special interest in 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. I have over 225 comics of all kinds, but none of them is as good as your magazine. If you'd like to know the reason why, it's because of stories like 'I Keep Dreaming of Grandpa', in your Issue No. 72. That one was the greatest — I think it may well be my all-time favorite. Congratulations — your stories are just the kind I've been looking for.

— Herbert Goldman, Richmond Hill, N.Y."

*It always makes us feel good when a reader's favorite happens to be ours, too! Thanks, Herbert, and you're assured that we'll continue to try to bring you exactly what you want in exciting reading!*

"Dear Editor:-

I don't know whether I'd call 'Adventures Into The Unknown' the best comic published, but it certainly is one of three best! It's because of the novel plots you run. They're not only exciting, but they're different from the rest. Better, I'd say!

— Maebell Traubel, Milwaukee, Wis."

*What are the names of those other two magazines, Maebell? We like to know who our strongest competition is! Glad you like our plots. They take a lot of work, but it's worth it!*

"Dear Editor:-

Congratulations on your August issue — an excellent piece of work! The best story was 'The Last Year of Sir Francis Drake', which was completely great. I've been a constant reader of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for years, and in my opinion, the greatest story you've ever published was 'The Mask of Mumbo', in May, 1952. At that time, I thought that if any weird story could surpass it, I'd be amazed. But 'The Last Year' comes close to it! You people sure are on the right track — frequently, your stories are superb. A truly thrilling magazine!

— Dalton Pierson, Missoula, Montana"

*It's hard to disagree with a man who says such nice things, but we're doing it. "The Last Year" was okay, but no world-beater. "Mask of Mumbo" was a thriller, and pretty good. But in our opinion, neither is even in the same league with "The Many Lives of Mark Martin", No. 67, Oct., 1955; or "I Keep Dreaming of Grandpa", No. 72, April, 1956. Did you read those, Mr. Pierson? If so, what's your opinion?*

"Dear Editor:-

Let's start off by my saying that I like horror stories, and I want to know why I can't have them. What's the lowdown on this?

— Albert Sussman, Richmond, Va."

*Very simple, Albert. All worthy comics publishers have subscribed to a code which calls for clean and decent comics. And readers everywhere have found that they're for better comics — featuring thrilling and unusual tales of the imagination rather than drivel. You're outvoted about a hundred to one!*

"Dear Editor:-

If there are better covers than 'Adventures Into The Unknown' carries, I'd like to see them. Yours sure are about the most exciting on the stands. The stories, too!

— Francis J. Knoblock, Mansfield, O."

*Actually, a good cover is our best salesman, Francis! We don't spare any effort in this department, backing up carefully-thought-out cover ideas with the work of the finest illustrators.*

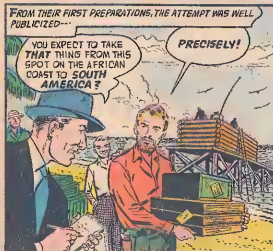
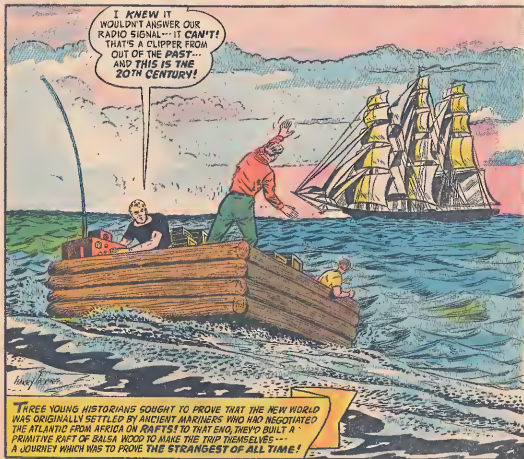
"Dear Editor:-

It's an easy thing for a magazine to print the good things which readers say about it, and you've been doing it for a long time. Would you have nerve enough to run what I say, though? Go ahead — I think your writers don't know the score and your artists are even worse!

— Vincent Ferrone, Boston, Mass."

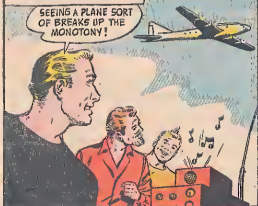
*Okay, Vincent — we're publishing your letter. But we're wondering if you meant it, or if you were just trying to be a wise guy. If this is your opinion, we're sorry for it, and would like to know in what ways you feel we are falling short. A million other readers are enthusiastic about our efforts — we'd like to make it a million and one!*

# The SECRET of the AZTECS



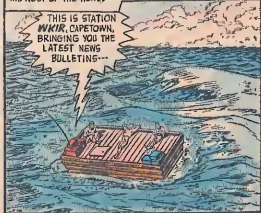
WITH ONLY SEA CURRENTS TO PROPEL THEM, MOVEMENT WAS SLOW! AFTER ONE WEEK...

SEEING A PLANE SORT OF BREAKS UP THE MONOTONY!



WATER-TIGHT RADIO EQUIPMENT WAS THEIR ONLY CONTACT WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD...

THIS IS STATION WKIR, CAPETOWN, BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS BULLETINS...



EXCEPT FOR THE PASSING OF AN OCCASIONAL SHIP OR AIRCRAFT, THERE WAS NOTHING TO DISTURB THE JOURNEY'S CULLNESS! TWO MONTHS OUT...

FUNNY, I'M NOT GETTING A SIGNAL!



THEY CHECKED THE WIRELESS METICULOUSLY, BUT...

CAN'T FIND A THING WRONG, AND YET... IT'S NOT OPERATING!

WHAT COULD BE WRONG?



WHATEVER WAS WRONG THEY COULDN'T FIX IT! AN ANXIOUS WEEK PASSED...

THIS COULD BE SERIOUS! IF SOME ACCIDENT HAPPENS, WE HAVE NO WAY OF SUMMONING HELP!

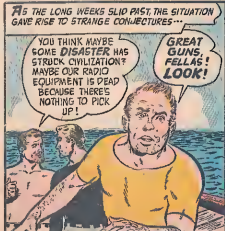
NOT A THING ON THE HORIZON! HAVE YOU GUYS NOTICED... WE HAVEN'T SEEN A PLANE OR VESSEL IN DAYS!



AS THE LONG WEEKS SLID PAST, THE SITUATION GAVE RISE TO STRANGE CONJECTURES...

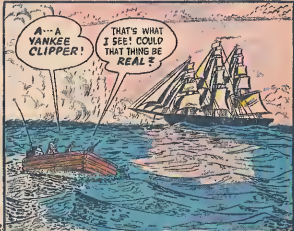
YOU THINK MAYBE SOME DISASTER HAS STRUCK CIVILIZATION? MAYBE OUR RADIO EQUIPMENT IS DEAD BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING TO PICK UP!

GREAT GUNS, FELLAS! LOOK!



A... A YANKEE CLIPPER!

THAT'S WHAT I SEE! COULD THAT THING BE REAL?





THEY WERE AT TOO GREAT A DISTANCE TO SHOUT TO THE VESSEL... IN DESPERATION, ROGER LEAPED TO THE WIRELESS...

IT'S NO USE...  
THEY DON'T ANSWER!  
I THOUGHT MAYBE AT  
CLOSE RANGE...

DO SAILING  
SHIPS HAVE RADIO  
EQUIPMENT?



THERE WAS A LONG SILENCE, AS THEY STARED AT EACH OTHER IN INCREDULOUS DISBELIEF...

IN OLDEN TIMES THEY  
DIDN'T-- BUT THIS IS THE  
20TH CENTURY!

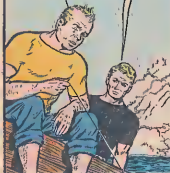
IS IT? THIS IS THE FIRST  
I'VE HEARD OF YANKEE  
CLIPPERS ROMMING THE  
SEAS THESE DAYS!



BUT INTEREST IN THE BAFFLING  
MYSTERY SOON GAVE WAY TO THE PROBLEM  
OF SURVIVAL! STORMS BUFFETED THE FRAIL  
RAFT--THE BLAZING SUN WAS MERCILESS  
... AND FINALLY THEIR FOOD SUPPLY RAN  
OUT...

C'MON,  
LITTLE FISHIES  
... BITE!

NEVER THOUGHT  
I'D LOVE THE  
TASTE OF RAW  
FISH!



THEY LOST TRACK OF TIME IN THE  
GRIM BATTLE TO STAY ALIVE...

HOW LONG HAVE  
WE BEEN DRIFTING?  
SIX MONTHS... A  
YEAR...?

WHO KNOWS!  
MAYBE WE'RE  
ALL DEAD AND  
DON'T KNOW  
IT!



DAY BY DAY THEIR STRENGTH EBBED--THE  
END WAS CLOSE AT HAND...

I-- I'M  
FINISHED  
... NO  
STRENGTH...

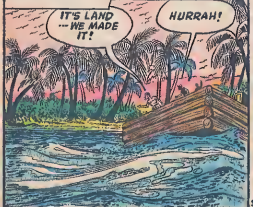
FELLAS--IS  
... IS THAT A  
MIRAGE?



WEARILY, THEY PICKED UP THEIR HEADS, AND HOPE  
FLOODED THEIR VEINS...

IT'S LAND  
... WE MADE  
IT!

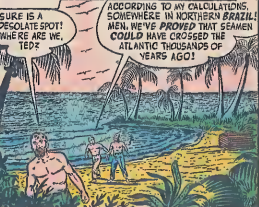
HURRAH!



WITH NEW-FOUND STRENGTH, THEY PULLED THE RAFT ONTO  
THE BEACH...

SURE IS A  
DESOLATE SPOT!  
WHERE ARE WE,  
TED?

ACCORDING TO MY CALCULATIONS,  
SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN BRAZIL!  
MEN, WE'VE PROVED THAT SEAMEN  
COULD HAVE CROSSED THE  
ATLANTIC THOUSANDS OF  
YEARS AGO!



WITH NO SIGN OF HUMAN LIFE IN THE AREA, THEY ABANDONED THEIR RAFT AND BUILT A SMALLER ONE TO GO UP A NEARBY RIVER, HOPING TO FIND CIVILIZATION---



AT LEAST THE WORST IS OVER! WE SHOULD CONTACT PEOPLE SOON!

DAYS PASSED... AMID ONLY SILENCE AND THE SCREAMS OF MACAWS! THE RIVER WAS WILD AND TROPICAL, FULL OF CATARACTS AND TREACHEROUS RAPIDS---



THERE MUST BE A SETTLEMENT SOMEWHERE ALONG---

IT'S--AN ARROW!

THWOK!

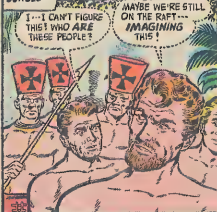
OUT OF NOWHERE, A FEARFUL MENACE---

THEY'RE SIGNALLING FOR US TO COME OVER!

THOSE AREN'T ORDINARY NATIVES--THEY'RE DRESSED JUST LIKE THE ANCIENT AZTECS!



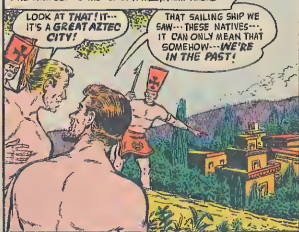
THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SURRENDER! AS PRISONERS, THEY WERE LED DEEPER INTO THE JUNGLE---



I--I CAN'T FIGURE THIS! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?

MAYBE WE'RE STILL ON THE RAFT--IMAGINING THIS!

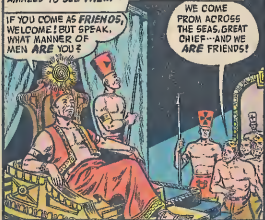
THE PATH LED TO THE TOP OF A HILL, FROM WHERE---



LOOK AT THAT! IT--IT'S A GREAT AZTEC CITY!

THAT SAILING SHIP WE SAW--THESE NATIVES--IT CAN ONLY MEAN THAT SOMEHOW--WE'RE IN THE PAST!

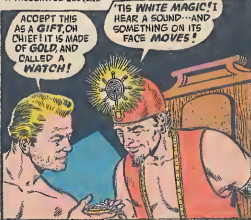
FORTUNATELY, THE AZTECS PROVED FRIENDLY, AND JUST AS AMAZED TO SEE THEM---



IF YOU COME AS FRIENDS, WELCOME! BUT SPEAK, WHAT MANNER OF MEN ARE YOU?

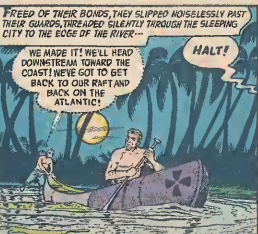
WE COME FROM ACROSS THE SEAS, GREAT CHIEF--AND WE ARE FRIENDS!

ROGER HAMILTON, THE LEADER OF THE PARTY, MADE A THOUGHTFUL GESTURE---



ACCEPT THIS AS A GIFT, OH CHIEF! IT IS MADE OF GOLD, AND CALLED A WATCH!

'TIS WHITE MAGIC! I HEAR A SOUND--AND SOMETHING ON ITS FACE MOVES!





IT WASN'T MUCH OF A HEAD START, AND THE AZTECS WERE SOON IN FULL PURSUIT---

THEY'RE BETTER AT THIS THAN US! WE'LL NEVER ESCAPE!

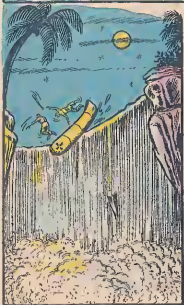
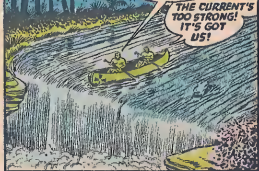
DON'T TALK--- PADDLE! HEY, WHAT'S THAT ROARING NOISE?



TOO LATE, THEY REALIZED THE DANGER---

GREAT SCOTT! THEY'VE DRIVEN US TOWARD A WATERFALL!

THE CURRENT'S TOO STRONG! IT'S GOT US!



HUNDREDS OF YARDS DOWNSTREAM--

YOU-- ALL RIGHT, TED?

A LITTLE BRUISED, BUT IN ONE PIECE! C'MON, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



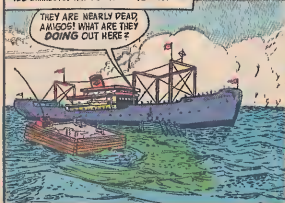
DAYS LATER, THEY REACHED THEIR BALSA RAFT, HEADED OUT AGAIN INTO THE ATLANTIC UNDER A BURNING SUN---

LISTEN! WE'RE GETTING A SIGNAL ON THE WIRELESS! ARE WE BACK IN THE PRESENT?



WHEN A BRAZILIAN FREIGHTER PASSED TWO DAYS LATER, THEY WERE TOO EXHAUSTED AND DELIRIOUS TO SHOUT---

THEY ARE NEARLY DEAD, AMIGOS! WHAT ARE THEY DOING OUT HERE?



WHEN THEY BABBLÉ ABOUT THEIR ADVENTURE ABOARD THE SHIP, THEY WERE NATURALLY THOUGHT INSANE! BUT IN A RIO DE JANEIRO HOSPITAL, FULLY RECOVERED---

YOU'RE BOTH STICKING BY THAT FANTASTIC STORY?

NOT ONLY DID IT HAPPEN--- BUT WE CAN PROVE IT!



THE WORLD SCOFFED--ALTHOUGH THEY HAD POSSESSED REPUTATIONS AS SOUND SCHOLARS! THEY PLEADED FOR MONEY TO UNEARTH AN AZTEC CITY HITHERTO UNKNOWN---

THIS FOUNDATION HAS DECIDED TO FINANCE YOUR EXPEDITION! BUT YOU'D BETTER NOT FAIL, OR WE'LL ALL BE LAUGHING-STOCKS!

DON'T WORRY, SIR--WE **WON'T** FAIL!

LEADING A LARGE PARTY, THEY HEADED BACK UP THE JUNGLE RIVER ONCE MORE, STARTED DIGGING AT THE SITE WHERE THEY HAD BEEN CAPTIVES---

GENTLEMEN, YOU DON'T **REALLY** BELIEVE THAT A GREAT AZTEC CITY WAS ONCE HERE?

THE JUNGLE HAS COVERED UP EVERYTHING --BUT YOU'LL SEE!

TEN FEET DOWN, TWENTY--- AND NOTHING WAS FOUND! BUT AT LAST---

BITS OF POTTERY--- ALL OVER THE PLACE!

KEEP DIGGING! NOW WE KNOW THIS IS THE SITE!

EVERYONE WORKED WITH FEVERISH EXCITEMENT NOW! DEEPER WENT THE DIGGERS' SPADES, DEEPER INTO THE SOFT JUNGLE EARTH---

BY JOVE! IT --IT'S THE TOP OF AN AZTEC TEMPLE!

WE DID IT, TED! WE'VE **PROVED** THAT WE WERE IN THE PAST!

BUT THE PROFESSOR WAS STILL SKEPTICAL, EVEN WHEN, IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, MORE BUILDINGS WERE UNEARTHED---

YOU MIGHT HAVE FOUND SOME BITS OF POTTERY HERE IN THE JUNGLE AND **GUESSED** THAT A CITY WAS BELOW! COME NOW, WASN'T THAT FANTASTIC STORY JUST A MEANS OF GETTING THE MONEY TO **PROVE** IT?

DARN IT, WE TOLD YOU THE **TRUTH!**

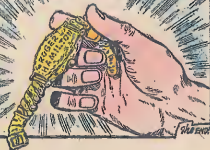
JUST THEN AN EXCITED NATIVE WORKER RUSHED IN---

IT---IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUT **THIS**---HIDDEN IN A SHRINE IN THE TEMPLE---

**GOOD GRIEF!** IT---IT'S **ROGER'S WATCH!**

BY JOVE, IT IS A WATCH---MOLDY WITH AGE AND ENCRUSTED WITH THE RUST OF CENTURIES!

YES---STRAIGHT OUT OF THE **PAST!** WELL, DO YOU BELIEVE US **NOW?**



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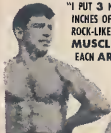
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